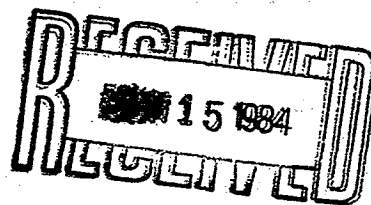




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June 7, 1984

Dr. David Stone
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900 3rd Avenue
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Dear Dr. Stone:

As I indicated in our telephone conversation of June 6, 1984, I am writing to request the aid of the Council for Tobacco Research toward the financial support of the forthcoming Gordon Research Conference on Elastin, to be held August 12 to 16, 1985, at Kimball Union Academy, Meriden, New Hampshire. This will be the fourth bi-annual Elastin Gordon Conference, and it is anticipated that this meeting will prove to be an exceptionally productive gathering in view of the rapid progress currently being made in this field.

I am writing to the Council with the knowledge that it has generously contributed to the support of the previous Elastin Gordon Conferences and thus justifiably shares in the credit for what has proven to be very successful conferences. It is my hope that the Council will once again be able to assist in this fashion.

Estimates based upon the experience of prior Elastin Gordon Conferences lead me to seek a total funding level of \$20,000 for the conference, of which approximately \$5000 will be used for subsistence and registration charges and \$15,000 will be used for travel costs. The Gordon Conference itself commits \$7500 toward this sum, while I have submitted a proposal to NIH for \$10,000. Therefore, an additional \$2500 will surely be needed to ensure a successful conference. I would like to request, therefore, that the Council for Tobacco Research consider providing this \$2500 portion of the Conference expenses. It has been and will continue to be the policy of the 1985 Elastin Gordon Conference that financial assistance be limited to those speakers among the expected 100 to 120 participants who are not from the industrial sector and who are unable to cover the costs of travel and attendance from other sources available to them. Financial aid for such individuals will be restricted for use toward the payment of travel costs, registration fees, and/or subsistence costs incurred by their attendance at this meeting. Travel awards are made only for coach class accommodations and the use of domestic airlines is encouraged where possible.

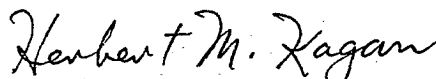
As Chairman of the forthcoming conference, I can assure you that the past generosity of the Council is greatly appreciated. The support of all contributing institutions will be acknowledged at the 1985 conference. Should the Council agree to provide funds for the support of this conference, the funds should be made out to the payment of "Gordon Research Conferences" indicating that the award is to be used to support the 1985 Elastin Gordon Research Conference. Should the award be made, please notify me and send a notification and the award to:

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I would greatly appreciate your informing me as soon as possible as to whether funding will be available since I will soon have to begin making commitments for support to invited speakers. I am including a more detailed description of the conference and a tentative agenda on the following pages. Please let me know if additional information is needed.

Sincerely yours,



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